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Rural Reconstruction - Intensive work in selected firkas - Madras Legislative Council Question No. 157-A - Name, qualification and community of Firka Development Officers - Particulars - Furnished - Papers - Recorded.

FIRKA DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS.

149 - Question - ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:- Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that no qualifications were prescribed for Firka Development Officers and that the posts were not advertised;

(b) whether it is a fact that jail qualification was considered one of the main qualifications for the post;

(c) the names of the Firka Development Officers with their caste, age and educational qualifications; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Collectors were not given any choice in selecting the candidates?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- (a) Yes. Although no specific qualifications were prescribed, the following considerations were borne in mind in selecting persons for the post of Firka Development Officers:-

(i) possession of necessary enthusiasm and aptitude for rural reconstruction work;

(ii) organizing capacity;

(iii) ability to feel at home in rural surroundings; study the needs of the villagers with sympathy and understanding and evoke their confidence and secure their willing co-operation in pushing through schemes of rural uplift.

The posts were not advertised; but selection was made from as wide a field as possible in consultation with leading non-official gentlemen interested in rural reconstruction.

(b) No.

(c) The names, community and educational qualifications of the Firka Development Officers are as follows:-

(Information regarding the caste of these officers is not readily available).

Serial number, firka and district.	Name of the firka Development Officer.	Community.	Educational qualificatio
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Hindupur (Anantapur).	Sri. R. Balasankara Gowd.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A.
2. Kalasapakkam (North Arcot).	Sri. K. Muniswami Mudaliyar.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
3. Kadambuliyur (South Arcot).	Sri. T.S. Krishnamachari.	Brahman.	M.Litt.
4. Alur (Bellary).	Sri. R. Hanumantha Rao.	-do-	Intermediate Parts II and III only.
5. Tiruvallur (Chingleput).	Sri. C. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.	-do-	B.A., B.L.
6. Palladam (Coimbatore).	Sri. S. Subbian.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A.
7. Nagari. (Chittoor).	Sri. P.R. Kumaraswami.	-do-	B.A. (Hons)
8. Proddatur (Cuddapah).	Sri. B. Ramasastry.	Brahman.	B.A.
9. Rajahmundry (East Godavari)	Sri. C. Hanumantha Rao.	-do-	Intermediate.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
10. Dendulur (West Godavari).	Sri. J.A.Rama-murthi.	Brahman.	B.A.
11. Polavaram (West Godavari).	Sri. K.Ch. Raghupathi Rao.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
12. Ongole (Guntur).	Sri. M. Satyanarayana.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
13. Kumbla (South Kanara).	Sri. K.M. Babu Shetty.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	S.S.L.C. (Secondary grade trained Teacher's Certificate Holder).
14. Bezwada (Kistna).	Sri. D. Suryaprakasa Rao.	Brahm....	Intermediate. Has undergone the B.A. degree course but has not passed the B.A. degree examination.
15. Kurnool. (Kurnool).	Sri. B. Ramakrishna Reddy.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	Intermediate.
16. Tirumangalam (Madura).	Sri. N. Subbiah.	-do-	Intermediate, Secondary Grade Trained Teacher.
17. Tellicherry. (Malabar).	Sri. N.P. Damodaran.	-do- (Tiya).	B.A.
18. Kanupur (Nellore).	Sri. G. Padmanabhiah.	Brahman.	B.A.
19. Kundah (Nilgiris).	Sri. M. Halayya.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	M.A.
20. Malli (Ramnad).	Sri. V. Venkataswami.	-do-	B.A. L.T.
21. Veerapandy (Salem).	Sri. V. Venkataramanappa.	Scheduled Caste.	S.S.L.C.
22. Saliyamangalam (Tanjore).	Sri.N.S. Krishna-murthi.Ayyar.	Brahman.	B.A. B.L.
23. Shermadevi (Tinnevelly).	Sri. N. Tirumala-chari.	-do-	Intermediate. Has passed one part of B.A. degree examination.
24. Musiri (Trichinopoly).	Sri. J. Nataraja Ayyar.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
25. Gara (Vizagapatam North).	Sri. B. Krishnamurthy.	-do-	Intermediate.
26. Pendurthi. (Vizagapatam South).	Sri. M. Kameswara Rao.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
27. Madugula (Vizagapatam Agency).	Sri. B. Dwaraka Dixit.	-do-	S.S.L.C.
28. Vellakoil centre.	Sri. K.C. Songappan.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	B.A.
29. Avanashi centre.	Sri. S.R. Wellingdon.	Indian Christian.	B.A., B.T.
30. Pulliankurichi centre.	Sri. V.O.C. Arumugham Pillai.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	S.S.L.C. Has passed the Government Technical Examinations in Book-keeping, Banking, Auditing (Higher) and Co-operation)..
31. Tuni (Uratla cum Tuni centre).	Post vacant.		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
32. Guruvareddipalem centre.	Sri. P.R. Bavaji.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	S.S.L.C.
33. Yerragundapalem centre.	Sri. K. Chandramouleswara Rao.	Brahman.	B.A.
34. Payyanur cum Nileshwar centre.	Sri. A. Achuthan.	Non-Brahman Hindu.	S.S.L.C.

"The information regarding the age of the Firka Development Officers is not readily available. It will be obtained and furnished if necessary.

(d) As the Government attach very great importance to the Rural Reconstruction Scheme, selection was made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself.

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR:- As the answer has been printed and circulated to all Hon'ble Members, may I suggest that the Prime Minister need not go through it again?

MR. PRESIDENT:- Yes.

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- MAY I know whether the Hon'ble the Prime Minister, before he made the selection invited through anybody applications before making these appointments?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- May I know whether one of the conditions insisted upon for appointment as Firka Development Officers was interest in Khadi? I mean that every candidate must show that he has got interest in Khadi which is after all only one of the cottage industries.

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- In view of the fact that spinning and weaving is only one of the several cottage industries included in the rural development scheme, may I know why every candidate should be insisted upon to have an interest in Khadi?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- Is it not a fact that on account of this insistence on interest in Khadi; the candidates belonging to communities which do not believe in Khadi are completely excluded from being appointed as officers?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- My question does not refer

any distinction on the basis of caste.

MR. PRESIDENT:- May I point out to the Hon'ble Member that in a previous answer it is stated that interest in Khadi is essential. Therefore, this question does not arise.

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- On account of the insistence on having interest in Khadi, are not persons belonging to certain schools of thought who do not believe in Khadi, excluded from being appointed as officers, though this Khadi scheme is only one of the several cottage industries included in the rural development scheme?

MR. PRESIDENT:- The Hon'ble Member may question it, but when once Government say that it is one of the important items of the rural development scheme, he cannot further go on putting questions on it.

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- May I ask the Government whether aptitude for rural reconstruction work is confined to Khadi wearers only?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:- May I know, Sir, which Prime Minister made these appointments, whether it is the present Prime Minister or the previous Prime Minister?

THE/ MR. PRESIDENT:- I suppose the Hon'ble Member knows that.

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:- May I know whether the Present Prime Minister will consider the advisability of appointing communities whose members have not been appointed to these posts?

THE HON'BLE SRI.O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- In view of the fact that this list does not contain a single Muslim, may I know whether all Muslims have been generally excluded from being appointed under this rural development scheme?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- I have nothing more to add.

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR:- May I know whether according to this scheme, Government do not want to improve the conditions of Muslims in this Presidency?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- [illegible]

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- Is it a fact that there is no Muslim available who is competent to be appointed

as a Firka Development Officer?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- அனுமன்ன கேள்வி வேறு மாவட்டமா? ஒவ்வொரு ஒவ்வொரு பதில் வேறு வருகிறது.

SRI. R. SURYANARANAYA RAO:- May I ask whether there are officers called village development officers working under the Firka Development Officers?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- "கிராம வளர்ச்சி மையங்களில் ஆசிரியர்களைப் பயன்படுத்துவதுதான் இயல்பாகவே பயன்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. கிராம வளர்ச்சி மையங்களில் ஆசிரியர்களை வைத்துக் கொண்டு இவர்களில் ஆசிரியர்களை வைத்து அவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்கிறது. இயல்பாகவே கிராம வளர்ச்சி மையங்களில் ஆசிரியர்களைப் பயன்படுத்துவது."

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- May I ask whether the Collectors were consulted before these appointments were finally made?

MR. PRESIDENT:- I think it is part of the question. The answer must be there.

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SA HIB BAHADUR:- The answer is there but the question is not as to who made the appointments but whether the Collectors were consulted?

THE HON'BLE SRI. O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR:- I shall enquire into the matter but notice is required.

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:- ~~There~~ This is based upon the answer given already.

MR. PRESIDENT:-The Hon'ble the Minister says that if further information is required, he wants notice.

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- The answer is that the Prime Minister himself appointed these officers. Does it not mean that the Collector were not consulted?

MR. PRESIDENT:- The Hon'ble Member may have his own inference. But if he wants confirmation, the Hon'ble Minister requires notice.

K.T.M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:- The answer given carries with it the necessary inference which must flow from it on a reading of the English language.

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The official report of the proceedings relating to Madras Legislative Council Starred Question No. 157-A by Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C. at pages 17-19 c.f. is submitted for perusal. No further action seems necessary. For orders whether the papers may now be recorded as G.O. Miscellaneous

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